GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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LEVEL OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the level of health care services in the remote rural areas of the hill districts in the country is below the national level;

(b) if so, whether any special package has been envisaged for strengthening the primary health care infrastructure in such areas; and

(c) if not, the measures proposed to ensure that geographically scattered rural areas are covered by the primary health care institutions as per the norms defined for general public for the purpose in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a)&(b) Hilly terrain, poor transportation and communication, as well as distances affect the outreach of health services in remote, hilly and rural areas. In view of these constraints, the population norms for the establishment of Primary Health Care Institutions, have been relaxed as follows :

Institutions	Population Norms	
	Plan Areas	Tribal/ Hilly Areas
Sub-Centres	5000	3000
PHC	30000	20000
CHC	120000	80000

(c) Apart from above measure, the National Population Policy 2000 envisages strengthening of Primary Health Care Infrastructure with more focussed attention to under-served segments of the population.